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Worthington C. Ford, Esq.,

Dear Mr. Ford:

I have just received a card from Miss Bessie May, of Leicester, in which she says, "I have some more letters to send to Mr. Ford, notably Father's letters to cousin S. J. M., from his beginning of interest in the anti-slavery question, and his early query as to whether your father's position was fully justified. His convictions grew steadily."

This ought to be a precious addition to the collection.

I hope that the twins are thriving, and that a satisfactory food has been found before this. With best regards to yourself and Mrs. Ford,

Faithfully yours,



P. S. Mrs. Mary O. Willcox, the daughter of Mrs. Sidney Howard Gay, writes me that she has a copy of Victor Hugo's drawing of John Brown on the gibbet, which she thought of presenting to the Public Library. She supposed it to be an original, but I am very positive that it is a reproduction, though so clever that Bush, the artist, was at first in doubt about it. Would the Library like to have it? It is a ghastly but powerful drawing, and as the work of Victor Hugo has undoubted interest and value. Possibly you may have one already in the Library, but I doubt it.

